

Partly Cloudy and Colder
Tonight; Thursday Fair.

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FIVE PERISH IN HOTEL FIRE IN ST. LOUIS

Thirty-five Badly Injured
in Blaze Started
From a Cigar
Stub.

MEN HALF-NAKED LEAP TO DEATH IN STREET

Five Hundred Terrorized
Persons Trapped in
the Flaming
Building.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 28.—Five persons
are dead and at least thirty-five
badly burned, as the result of a fire
which destroyed the Light House
Hotel here today.

Five hundred men were in the
hotel, a three-story structure, at
Ninth and Market streets, which
was conducted by the Salvation
Army.

All the men were asleep, and
locked in the building, when the
fire was discovered, the greater
number being on the second and
third floors. They became panic-
stricken and before the firemen ar-
rived and could stretch nets, many
had jumped from the upper win-
dows and were picked up, crushed
and unconscious on the street.

The dead have not been identified.
The hotel was filled to its capacity,
which is the reason for its door being
locked. When the clerk sold the last
bed, he barred the downstairs door, as
was the custom.

Watchman Discovers Flames.
Watchman O'Connell, who was sta-
tioned on the third floor, discovered the
fire. He said he had gone to the clothes
closet to get some wearing apparel for
several of the men who were practically
without clothing, and upon opening the
closet door, a sheet of flame belched
forth, burning off his hair and eye-
brows.

The watchman was unable to shut the
door and the whole room was quickly
filled with flame and smoke.

O'Connell, gave the alarm and hur-
ried around, waking up the sleeping in-
mates. The closet formerly had been
an elevator shaft, and with the door
open a draft resulted that quickly
spread the fire throughout the build-
ing.

Leap in Terror.
At the windows could be seen the
forms of half-naked men, calling to fire-
men in terror, and a few minutes later,
leaping from the burning building, to
be crushed on the sidewalk. Life lines,
fastened at windows provided means of
escape for scores of the 500 lodgers.

Firemen think a cigarette or lighted
cigar stump caused the fire, the smoker
throwing the smoldering remnant into
the closet, a few feet from the clerk's
desk.

The deal for the property at the south-
west corner of Thirteenth and G streets
northwest, begun about a month ago, as
planned at the time, has been finally
consummated, and title has been taken
by John Mariner, of Norfolk, Va., the
consideration stated being upwards of
\$75,000.

The property belonged to the estate
of C. C. Williams and an option was
taken by Scott E. Welker, who has now
transferred it as above stated. The
lot fronts on Thirteenth street, with a
frontage of fifty-five feet on
G street, and contains 3,250 square
feet, and the purchase price represents
a value of \$25 per foot. It is also under-
stood that the new purchaser paid a
considerable advance to the holder of
the option.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Pressure remains high east of the
Rocky mountains, except in the extreme
Northwest, where conditions are still
somewhat disturbed, with the result
that generally cloudy weather prevails
over the Northern districts east of the
Mississippi.

Temperatures have fallen decidedly in
the Atlantic States and the extreme
Northwest, and have changed but little
elsewhere at a rate.

It will be somewhat colder tonight
along the Atlantic coast.

Steamers departing today for Euro-
pean ports will have fresh northwest to
north winds, with unsettled weather to
the Grand Banks.

TEMPERATURE.
9 a. m. 44
12 m. 43
3 p. m. 46
6 p. m. 46

DOWN TOWN.
9 a. m. 44
12 m. 46
3 p. m. 47
6 p. m. 47

SUN TABLE.
Sun sets today 4:40
Sun rises tomorrow 5:37

TIDE TABLE.
High tide today 6:27 p. m.
Low tide today 12:40 p. m.
High tide tomorrow 7:08 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow 1:14 a. m., 1:21 p. m.

HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., Nov. 28.
—Both rivers cloudy.

Karl Hau Pleads Insanity When Arraigned in London; Case Postponed One Week

Police Magistrate Refuses to Accept Washington
Professor's Plea to Charge of Murdering
Mother-in-Law in Germany.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—A plea of insanity was offered by Karl Hau, the Washington college professor, wanted in Germany to answer a charge of murdering his mother-in-law, when the extradition hearing came up in Bow street police court today.

The magistrate refused to accept this plea saying he is satisfied Hau is the man wanted for the murder.

He finally postponed the case a week to allow certain formalities to be complied with.

Since the arrival of the extradition papers, the police declare that Hau has been acting queerly, but they are of the opinion that he is shamming, and this theory is upheld by the police prison physician.

Hau now claims that his name is not Hau, but Effendi. He will be closely watched by the authorities until the final disposition of his case.

Presidential Turkey Reaches White House From Rhode Island

Thanksgiving Dinner Will
Be Served at 7:30
o'Clock Thursday.

President Roosevelt's Thanksgiving
turkey arrived today from the farm of
Horace Vose, at Westerly, R. I. It is a
twenty-eight-pound bird, and, according
to the veteran poultryman who raised
him, ought to be just about the finest
morsel of turkey meat that ever went
into the Presidential teeth. Mr.
Vose has been raising turkeys for
many years.

The fowl received at the White House
today is a trifle smaller than Mr. Vose
has been in the habit of sending to the
Executive. This may be accounted for
by the fact that the Republican party
has been having hard times in Rhode
Island lately, and the turkeys there
have grown a little thin from worrying
over the returns.

The White House Thanksgiving dinner
will be served at the usual hour—7:30
p. m.—and the President and his family
will be joined by Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas
Longworth, who are just now staying
here, and by probably two or three
other friends who usually partake of
holiday cheer at the mansion.

If Senator and Mrs. Lodge remain in
Albany over Thanksgiving they may join
the President and his family in their
discussion of the merits of Vose's big
bird.

Last year President and Mrs. Roose-
velt spent their Thanksgiving at Pine
Knobs, Mrs. Roosevelt's cottage in Albe-
marle county, Va., but Secretary Loeb
says his chief has decided to remain
here over the holiday, in order to devote
as much attention as possible to his
special messages on Panama and Porto
Rico.

COMMANDER PEARY REACHES NEW YORK

When Commander Robert E. Peary,
the noted arctic explorer, returns to his
home in Washington tonight after an
absence of three years, it will be found
that he has not been given the coveted
promotion to the office of chief of the
Bureau of Yards and Docks of the Navy
Department.

The lucky officer is Civil Engineer
Harry H. Rousseau, who has the rank
of Lieutenant, and is now on duty at
Marine Island navy yard. On January 1
he will succeed Rear Admiral M. T.
Endicott, whose retirement on account
of period of service will take place on
that date.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Commander
Robert E. Peary and Mrs. Peary ar-
rived in New York today from Sydney,
Nova Scotia, where the Roosevelt is
undergoing repairs. The commander
was met at the railroad station by a
committee from the Peary Arctic Club,
which have no faith in arctic explora-
tion, and sledge for Polar explorations," said
Commander Peary.

He expressed the opinion that the
drifting plan is the most feasible.

CUPID BREAKS RECORD IN MARRIAGE LICENSES

The ante-holiday marriage license re-
cord for a half day was broken today at
noon, and from the outlook at that hour
it will have another smashing when the
clerk's office is closed at 4 o'clock.

By noon thirty-six licenses had been
issued. This exceeds by far the number
issued on the entire of any previous hol-
iday. Last year the total number issued
by noon of the day before Thanksgiving
was twenty-three, and the total for the
day was forty-five.

Army and Navy Football Game.
Special trains via Pennsylvania rail-
road, leave Washington, December 1,
9 a. m., running through to Franklin
Field, Philadelphia. Returning leave
Franklin Field at close of game. Dining
cars, parlor cars, and restrooms
coaches. Round trip Pullman tickets on
sale. Excursion tickets, good on all
trains November 30 and December 1 up
to and including special train, and good
returning until December 2, inclusive,
sold at rate of \$3.40.—Adv.

COL. CARMODY ILL; FACT KEPT SECRET

Youthful Couple Whose Wedded Life Has Been Troubled.



COL. FRANCIS J. CARMODY.

MRS. CARMODY.

Formerly Miss Snow, Daughter of Mrs. Thomas C. Platt.

Worry Over Platt Case and His Own

Senator's Son-in-Law In
Washington Suffering
From Nervous
Collapse.

A sequel to the many troubles of
Senator Platt and his wife has been
written by the nervous collapse of
Col. Francis J. Carmody, the Sena-
tor's son-in-law, who is critically ill
at his mother's residence, 234 Dela-
ware avenue northeast, in this city.

Reports from the Carmody house-
hold are that Colonel Carmody is in
a most alarming condition, as a re-
sult of worry over his own and Sena-
tor Platt's marital troubles, this
worry having been increased by the
publicity given to the troubles of
the family. Also, overwork is said
to have contributed to the young
man's breakdown. He is described
as utterly broken down, and very
much emaciated. It is thought that
he may recover.

Illness Kept Secret.
Every effort has been made by the
Carmody family to keep secret the ill-
ness of Colonel Carmody. But the fact
leaked out.

The sick man's wife, it was said, had
not been summoned to his bedside up
to a late hour yesterday; this course
having been taken on the attending
physician's orders. It was understood
that she would come to him at any time
that she might be called.

This is an interesting phase of the
story, as it has been generally ac-
cepted that Colonel Carmody and his wife, who
was a Miss Snow, stepdaughter of
Senator Platt, have been separated
since the death of the late Senator.
Colonel Carmody blamed the present
Mrs. Platt, who was Mrs. Janeway, for
the separation, and the troubles grow-
ing out of it, and it was said that the
scandal between the Senator and his
wife grew out of the separation of the
Carmody couple.

Sensor Platt is expected in this city
next Saturday, his early coming being
prompted by his desire to see his son-
in-law, of whom he is very fond. As a
matter of fact, all the Platt men have
died with Colonel Carmody in the
troubles with Mrs. Platt and Mrs. Car-
mody.

Just how long Colonel Carmody has
been at his mother's residence in his
present serious condition is not known,
but he has been there for some time.
According to the story of the affair,
Senator Platt some weeks ago noticed
that Colonel Carmody was showing
signs of nervousness and was very
worry over the matrimonial tangles of
the family. In addition to this, he was
confronted with an immense amount of
work in his office as Assistant United
States Attorney for the Southern Dis-
trict of New York. This work he
started to do, the strain telling on him
fearfully in his weakened condition.

Persuaded to Take a Rest.

The Senator then went to Frank Platt
and asked him to persuade Colonel
Carmody to take a rest in Washington.
This Colonel Carmody finally consented
to do. He came to this city and soon
found that he was a much sicker man
than he had thought. Since then, every-
thing known to science has been done
to insure his recovery.

Tactics adopted by the Carmody fam-
ily to hide the illness of Colonel Car-
mody have been thorough, most of the
work in his office has been separated
from him, and John Doyle Carmody, a
brother of Colonel Carmody, who re-
sides here, had gone to the house on
Delaware avenue to be at his brother's
bedside.

Inquiry at John D. Carmody's house
elicited the response that John D. Car-
mody was at his brother's bedside, and
that he was the only one who could give
any information about the "critical
illness of Colonel Carmody."

GILLETTE BEGINS STORY OF MEETING GRACE BROWN AND TRIP TO BIG MOOSE

Accused Murderer Takes Stand in His Own De-
fense and Tells of Relations With
the Dead Girl.

HERKIMER, N. Y., Nov. 28.—With
the closing of the prosecution's case
today in the trial of Chester Gillette,
charged with the murder of Grace
Brown, the defense presented its case
to the jury. Senator Mills, one of coun-
sel for Gillette, made the usual motion
for the discharge of the prisoner, which
was denied by Judge Devendorf.

Gillette on taking the stand, spoke in
a low voice somewhat nervously. He
told the jury of his early life.

"I went to work at Cortland in 1905,"
said Gillette, "to work in the skirt fac-
tory of my uncle. I remained there un-
til July of this year. I became ac-
quainted with Grace Brown when I
first went to work for my uncle. On
July 8, I met Grace Brown in Herkimer
and we boarded a train for Canastota.
After leaving Canastota we went to
Utica, arriving there at 2 o'clock. We
went to the Hotel Martin.

"We remained at the hotel until the
next morning; that was Tuesday. We
took a train for Tupper Lake. When we
reached there we went to the hotel
where we obtained accommodations for
the night. I took a walk that evening
and returned to the hotel. The girl
was tired, and when we were told that
we could only be accommodated for the
night I inquired when the train left
the next day for Big Moose. The next
morning we went to Tupper Lake Jun-
ction, where I checked Grace Brown's
trunk to Old Forge. We took the train
and Grace and I talked about our re-
turning. While on the train I wrote a
postal card to Cortland. Grace also
wrote a postal card, which she gave to
me.

"We left the train at Big Moose and
took a steamer to the lake. We made the
Glennmore Hotel. I asked about a
steamer ride on the lake and the hotel
proprietor suggested we take a rowboat.
I asked Grace if she wanted to go out.
We went down to the steamer wharf.
The engineer said he would blow the
whistle when the boat left.

"I went back in the office and told Mr.
Morrison that we would take the row-
boat. I had a suit case, a camera and
an umbrella. A tennis racket was
strapped to the case. I took all this to
the boat house. Grace carried my coat.
I spoke to the boatman, who I have
since learned was Robert Morrison. He
asked him about a boat. We got into
it and rowed along the south shore in
an easterly direction. We passed a
club house and—"

At this point a recess was taken until
1:30 o'clock.

Praises the Police; Condemns Stations

Praise for the Washington police and
severe condemnation of the station
houses provided for them is freely given
by S. W. Curriden, of the Board of
Trade and Charles Linkins, of the Busi-
ness Men's Association, in a report sub-
mitted to the District Commissioners
yesterday. The two were members of
the committee which conducted the an-
nual inspection of the police depart-
ment.

Mr. Curriden stated that not in thirty
years had he witnessed a more thorough
inspection, nor been treated with results
more agreeably surprising. The inspec-
tion of the First precinct station, he
said, developed the fact that the odor
arising from the cells was "simply hor-
rible," even though thoroughly scrub-
bed.

The John B. Wight trophy flag was
awarded the Seventh precinct station,
Georgetown, where the presentation will
be held tomorrow morning. Commis-
sioner Sylvester will address the offi-
cers.

The committee of inspection was com-
posed of Commissioner West, Major
Sylvester, Inspectors F. E. Cross and
H. L. Gessford, Col. Burton R. Ross,
and Messrs. Curriden and Linkins.

MRS. BASSETT AS A WITNESS FOR MR. HUNT

Sharp Clash Between Op-
posing Counsel Before
She Is Allowed to
Testify.

ADMITS TAKING TRIP
WITH THE CLERGYMAN

Didn't Let Husband Know
When Her Youngest
Baby Was
Born.

A few minutes before court adjourned
yesterday, in the Bassett divorce case,
a sharp clash between counsel for
Bassett and for the Rev. E. Lawrence
Hunt, co-respondent in the case, was
precipitated when Henry E. Davis,
representing the minister, offered to
place in evidence the testimony of
Mrs. Fanny Rice Bassett, wife of the
plaintiff, Edward F. Colladay, coun-
sel for Mr. Bassett, objected on the
ground that Mrs. Bassett was not
competent to testify against her hus-
band. Supreme Court rulings on the
question were vigorously quoted on
both sides, and after a fifteen-minute
argument on the matter, Justice Gould
ruled that the Supreme Court decision
to which both sides referred in support
of their position, did not affect this par-
ticular case and that Mrs. Bassett was
competent to testify.

The deposition, which was read by Mr.
Davis, was the first testimony taken up
when the court convened at 11 o'clock
this morning, and keen interest was
manifested in Mrs. Bassett's side of the
case. The Brooklyn minister yesterday
gave his version of the affair, in a letter
which he wrote to Mrs. Jennie E. Stone
in Paris, during the summer following
the birth of the baby. This is the only
way in which an expression has been
gained from Hunt, as his counsel has re-
fused to permit him to take the stand.
Mr. Bassett has not testified, so that in
her direct testimony, which was read
to the court this morning, Mrs. Bassett
figures as the only principal in the af-
fair who is a witness. She appears in
behalf of Hunt, who is fighting the case
now on trial here.

In her testimony Mrs. Bassett admits
the birth of the child, Lawrence, and
that Hunt called on her after her hus-
band left Washington in May, 1904.

Mrs. Bassett says she left Washing-
ton permanently the last week in Oc-
tober, 1904, that Hunt visited her in the
hospital in Baltimore and several times
a week in the Morse house in that city,
where she lived before and after the
birth of the baby.

Further on in her testimony, Mrs.
Bassett admits that on June 29, 1905, she
went with Hunt and the baby to At-
lantic City.

Referring to the time when Mr. Bas-
sett learned she was in Atlantic City
and came there with former Congress-
man Benjamin L. Fairchild, Mrs. Bas-
sett testified that she made up her mind
then that never again would Mr. Bassett
have a chance to disgrace her or her
children before the world. She admits
renting a postoffice box in Washington
and having her mail addressed to gen-
eral delivery, Baltimore, and subsequent-
ly forwarded to Washington.

Some interest attached to Mrs. Bas-
sett's explanation of her absence from
the home of her cousin, Mrs. Mary
O'Rourke.

One of the most important details in
the case is the actions of Mrs. Bassett
on May 12, 1904, the day after her hus-
band left Washington on duty for the
Geological Survey. A servant in the
Bassett family, Hattie Thompson, testi-
fied early in the trial that on that day
Mrs. Bassett will ill in bed with a head-
ache, and that Hunt called between 1
and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, went into
Mrs. Bassett's bedroom and remained
several hours. The maid said she
thought the minister left about 5 o'clock
in the afternoon. This is the date Mr.
Bassett names as the first and specific
date on which Mrs. Bassett and Hunt
were together.

To combat this statement, counsel for
the minister has found a witness who
saw Mrs. Bassett that afternoon at a
garden party in aid of the Washington
Hospital for Foundlings, although her
statement was somewhat modified. The
entertainment was from 4 to 7 o'clock
in the afternoon, and Mrs. Lucy B. Platt,
the witness in question, testified that
Mrs. Bassett was late.

DRAGGING RIVER FOR BOY'S BODY

About a dozen searchers are dragging
the bottom of the lower Potomac river
for the body of Melvin L. Cleveland, the
young naval militiaman who was drown-
ed from a launch in the wake of the
United States steamship Onedia Monday
night. It is thought possible that the
body may have been washed out into
the mouth of the river which is several
miles across. In that case it may be
days before it is recovered.

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